

(d) whether the Committee has submitted its report within the prescribed time;

(e) if not, when this report was received by Government; and

(f) the details of the references mentioned in the reports regarding the institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. In July 2006 the Government has constituted a four members Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Valiathan to study the functioning of the AIIMS and to make recommendations for further development of the Institute with three months time to submit its Report. The Committee has submitted its Report within the prescribed period. The Report is under examination.

#### **Ban on sale of common salt**

†2679. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sale and production of common salt has been banned by Government under the prevention of Food Adulteration Act;

(b) if so, when the said ban was imposed;

(c) whether Government have reviewed those very reasons which compelled such a ban before its imposition; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. There is no ban on production of common salt. The same can be sold for Iodisation, Iron fortification, Preservation Industrial, Medicinal and animal use. However, in order to prevent and control Iodine Deficiency Disorders restrictions have been imposed nationwide on the sale of edible common salt for

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direction human consumption unless the same is iodised under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules 1955 with effect from 17th May, 2006.

**Yoga for disease cure**

**†2680. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:  
SHRI NARAYAN SINGH KESARI:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have conducted any survey about the persons getting relief of the disease like diabetes, obesity and heart-ailments by adopting Yoga;
- (b) if so, the results thereof; and,
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):** (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government have not conducted a survey about the persons getting relief of diseases like diabetes, obesity and heart ailments, etc. by applying Yoga so far.

(c) No specific proposal was received by the Government in this respect. Besides, this was not considered to be a high priority area under the Tenth Plan.

**Banning of non-iodised salt**

**†2681. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the production of non-iodised salt in the country has been banned after May, 2006;

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